

# **William Dudley Pelley and the Silver Legion of America collection S1050**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Rare Books and Manuscripts
<b>Title</b>	William Dudley Pelley and the Silver Legion of America collection
<b>Date</b>	1933-1965
<b>Extent</b>	0.05 Cubic feet 1 folder
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Text [Folder]</b>	S1050

### Preferred Citation

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## Historical Note

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Collection provides insight on the anti-Semitic organization, the Silver Legion of America, and its founder, William Dudley Pelley, modeled on Adolf Hitler's Nazi SS, or Brown Shirts, in 1933.

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## Scope and Contents

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This collection includes original Silver Legion of America pamphlet, Silver Legion of America letter, and Silver Shirt Enrollment Application. Also included is a copy of William Pelley's *New York Times* obituary, and inventories of microfilm records and periodicals.

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## Arrangement

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This collection is arranged by subject.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Information

Rare Books and Manuscripts

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This collection is open for research.

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### **Custodial History**

The Silver Legion of America original documents were received by Rare Books and Manuscripts as a donation from Owen Davis, 1946/03/06.

### **Accruals**

Further additions are expected.

### **Processing Information**

EAD finding aid created 2015/03/09 by Linda Gellert.

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## **Controlled Access Headings**

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### **Corporate Name(s)**

- Silver Legion of America.
- Silver Shirt Legion of America.

### **Personal Name(s)**

- Pelley, William Dudley, 1890-1965

### **Subject(s)**

- Fascism--United States--History--20th century
- Memorabilia